

one, chapter three hundred and thirty-eight of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and seven, having charge or control of a child between the ages of seven and thirteen years shall cause such child to attend regularly some day school (public, private or parochial) in which at least the six common school branches of reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, English and geography are taught for the full school term, not to exceed nine months in each calendar year, or shall provide such child at home or elsewhere with such regular daily instruction during the usual school hours as shall be in the judgment of a court having jurisdiction substantially equivalent in kind and amount to the instruction given the children of like age in the public schools of said district.

Children not
regularly em-
ployed.

Proviso: occasional
absences.

Grounds of excuse.

SEC. 2. That every parent, guardian or person in the Biscoe graded school district having charge or control of a child in said district between the ages of thirteen and fifteen, that is not actually, regularly and lawfully engaged in some useful employment or service shall cause said child to attend regularly some day school as aforesaid: *Provided*, that occasional lapses from such attendance by any child between the ages of seven and thirteen or any unemployed child between the ages of thirteen and fifteen years, not amounting to two unexcused absences in four consecutive weeks, shall not be unlawful.

SEC. 3. That any child between the ages of seven and thirteen years or any unemployed child between the ages of thirteen and fifteen years may be excused temporarily from complying with the provisions of this act, in whole or in part, if it be shown to the satisfaction of a court having jurisdiction that said parent, guardian or person having charge or control of said child is not able, through extreme destitution, to provide or obtain in any way proper clothing for said child, or the said child is mentally or physically incapacitated to attend school for the whole period required or any part thereof, or (if said child is under the age of thirteen years) that the labor of said child is absolutely necessary for the support of its family, or that said child has completed the elementary course of study of the public schools of said graded school district and has received a certificate of credit therefor, or has completed the equivalent of said course in some other school, the same to be determined by an accredited certificate from the principal or teacher of such other school or by an examination to be given said child by the superintendent of the public schools of the said Biscoe graded school district.

Attendance
officers.

Pay of attend-
ance officers.

SEC. 4. That the school trustees of the Biscoe graded school district may appoint or remove at pleasure one or more attendance officers to enforce the provisions of this act, and shall fix the compensation and manner of performance of the duties of such attendance officer or officers, and shall pay them from the public school fund of said district for their services; and the attendance officer